

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated June 1, 2005, has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 1-7, 11, 13, 15-24 and 28-34 are rejected by the Examiner. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 8-10, 12, 14 and 25-27 include allowable subject matter. Claims 1 and 18 have been amended. Claims 8 and 25 have been rewritten in independent form. Claims 1-34 remain pending in this application.

In the Office Action, claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,175,394 to Wu et al. (hereinafter "Wu"). Claims 2-7, 11, 13, 15-17, 1-24 and 28-32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as the new rejection applied relies on the same embodiment of the same prior art.

The rejection of claims 1-34 is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Claims 1-7, 11, 13, and 15-17 are allowable over the cited references in that each of these claims recites a combination of elements recited in claim 1 including, for example, "at least one of said pads with an equipotential line in the presence of static electricity, wherein the equipotential line is disposed at an outer portion between an outer edge of the liquid crystal and the signal pad part". None of the cited references including Wu, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention. The structure of claim 1 of the present invention is different from the Wu structure in that Wu does not disclose a "link line". Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 and claims 2-7, 11, 13, and 15-17, which depend from claim 1, are allowable over the cited references.

Claims 18-24 and 28-34 are allowable over the cited references in that each of these claims recites a combination of elements recited in claim 1 including, for example, "at least one of said pads with an equipotential line in the presence of static electricity, wherein the equipotential line is disposed at an outer portion between an outer edge of the liquid crystal and the signal pad part". None of the cited references including Wu, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention. The structure of claim 18 of the present invention is different from the Wu structure in that Wu does not disclose a "link line".

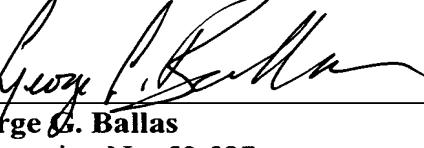
Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 18 and claims 19-24 and 28-37, which depend from claim 18, are allowable over the cited references.

Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. *A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.*

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